



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND CABLE

D.T.C. 11-16

November 18, 2011

Petition of Recipients of Collect Calls from Prisoners at Correctional Institutions in Massachusetts Seeking Relief from the Unjust and Unreasonable Cost of such Calls

ORDER ON MOTIONS TO EXTEND TIME FOR RESPONSES

On November 10, 2011, the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable ("Department") docketed the above-referenced *Petition of Recipients of Collect Calls from Prisoners at Correctional Institutions in Massachusetts Seeking Relief from the Unjust and Unreasonable Cost of such Calls* ("Petition") as D.T.C. 11-16. At the same time, consistent with its procedural rules, the Department directed three parties, Global Tel*Link Corporation ("GTL"), Securus Technologies, Inc. ("Securus"), and Inmate Calling Solutions, LLC ("ICSolutions"), to respond to the Petition on or before November 21, 2011. For the reasons set forth herein, the Department now extends until January 20, 2012, the deadline for GTL, Securus, and ICSolutions to file their responses to the Petition.

On November 14, 2011, well in advance of the original deadline for the filing of responses to the Petition, GTL and Securus filed separate motions (the "Motions") requesting an extension of time until January 20, 2012, to respond to the above-referenced. On November 16, 2011, ICSolutions contacted the Department to request that the company receive the same extension, if any, granted to GTL and Securus.

The Department finds that extending the time for all parties to respond to the Petition until January 20, 2012, will not prejudice any party to this proceeding. GTL's motion reflects that the petitioners have consented to the extension, and Securus' motion presently stands unopposed. Moreover, the relief requested in Securus' motion and sought informally by ICSolutions is identical to that sought in GTL's motion. Based on these facts, the Department finds that the petitioners will not be prejudiced by an extension of time until January 20, 2012 for all parties to file responses to the Petition.

In addition, both GTL and Securus note correctly that the Petition, as amended, is quite lengthy, and the Department accepts the parties' representation that preparing a response will require extensive investigation, which could not be completed by November 21, 2011. The Department also recognizes that both GTL and Securus indicate that the extension will likely benefit the Department, as the parties will be able to provide a more fulsome response with the benefit of additional time.

In light of the foregoing discussion, the Department finds that the Motions establish good cause to allow an extension of time for responses to the Petition. Accordingly, the Department **ALLOWS** GTL's Consent Motion for Extension of Answer Deadline, Securus' Motion for Extension of Time, and ICSolutions oral request for the benefit of any extension granted to GTL and Securus, and it is

ORDERED: That the deadline for submission of all response to the Petition is extended until January 20, 2012.

By Order of the Department

/s/ *Geoffrey G. Why*_____
Geoffrey G. Why, Commissioner